Title: Need to introduce a comprehensive legislation on Seeds Act. -- Laid

SHRI K. YERRANAIDU (SRIKAKULAM) : The Seeds Act, 2000 needs certain amendments and modifications in view of certain practical difficulties and keeping in view of the challenges thrown up by WTO. A comprehensive legislation on seeds is the need of the hour as the present seed laws are ineffective. A seminar to deliberate issues relating to the proposed seeds Act, 2000 was held at Hyderabad on 20.07.2001 for Southern States. I suggest that the following points as emerged from the seminar may be kept in view while introducing new legislation.:-

1. To provide for regulating production in addition to sale, import and export of seeds.
2. The definition of "Board" to include State Seeds Boards.
3. To establish State Seeds Boards on the pattern of National Seeds Board.
4. To maintain State's Seeds registry by State Seeds Boards for entry into the National Seeds Registry.
5. Minor and Major offences may be coined as first offence and 2nd offence mentioned under Section 19 of seeds Act, 1996.

I request the Government of India to consider aforesaid modifications seriously and introduce comprehensive legislation on Seeds Act at the earliest.